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933 West 14730 South
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Subject: Status of Quality Building Stone with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Reclamation Recommendation, Quality Building Stone, Italian Tan Quarry, S/007/0038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Miller:

Quality Building Stone, Inc., currently has no outstanding notices of violation or cessation orders with the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The Division and Quality Building Stone are working to adjust the reclamation surety amounts on a few mines permitted by Quality Building Stone, but I know of no issues where Quality Building Stone is out of compliance with regulations enforced by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Since the Division obtained authority to issue notices of violation and cessation orders, Quality Building Stone has received one cessation order for the Amis mine, but this cessation order was vacated. In other words, it was found on appeal that a violation did not exist.

In item five of an affidavit concerning my dealings with Weston Hansen, I made the following statement:

At no time was I informed, either verbally, by mail or by resolution, that Mr. Hansen was not the owner, operator and responsible person for transactions conducted on behalf of the above listed entities [Quality Building Stone, Inc.].

While this statement is correct, it is also true that I had no knowledge that Mr. Hansen *was* the owner of Quality Building Stone. The Division has a reclamation contract with a notarized statement signed by Mr. Hansen that he was a director of Quality Building Stone, but I know of no documents indicating he was an owner. He signed annual reports and notices of intention saying he was the operations manager or manager of various mines.



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In our meeting on August 11, 2009, we discussed reclamation of the Italian Tan mine. The Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations says the road to the top of the hill would be left per the land owner's request for a postmining land use. I suggest that you check with the land owner, Utah Railway, to be sure this is still the configuration in which they would like the area left. All other cuts and disturbances need to be graded to match surrounding topography. The disturbed area should be left rough then seeded in the fall, about the end of October, *as soon as possible after surface preparation*. It may also be beneficial to rake the disturbed areas following seeding. I suggest that the seed mix include fourwing saltbush, bluebunch wheatgrass, Basin wild rye, and thickspike wheatgrass, with small amounts of Palmer penstemon, Lewis flax, and crested wheatgrass. It should be possible to reduce the reclamation surety amount once the site is graded and seeded.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached by e mail at paulbaker@utah.gov or by telephone at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B Baker'.

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager